

Washington, DC – Tuesday, the United States Chamber of Commerce awarded Harry Teague the Spirit of Enterprise Award in recognition of his pro-business and pro-growth record.

“My experience as a small businessman in New Mexico’s oil and gas industry for over 30 years taught me a lot about the critical role of small businesses in our local economies, and those lessons continue to guide my work today,” said Harry Teague. “I know that it is the small business owners in southern New Mexico that will lead us out of the current economic downturn and that’s why I will continue fighting for policies that help small businesses grow and thrive. I am proud to accept the Spirit of Enterprise Award today and I will proudly continue fighting for southern New Mexico’s small businesses. ”

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U.S. Chamber Presents Rep. Teague with Annual Spirit of Enterprise Award

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New Mexico Lawmaker Recognized for Pro-Business Record

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Democratic Representative Harry Teague (NM-02) was honored today on Capitol Hill by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and presented with the Spirit of Enterprise Award for his pro-business record during the first session of the 111th Congress.

“The Chamber applauds Representative Teague for supporting the private sector and job growth through these difficult times,” said Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber. “He has demonstrated great courage and we commend him.”

Eligibility for the award is based on how Members of Congress vote on key business issues, which the Chamber outlines in its annual publication *How They Voted*. These designated “key votes” are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Those members of Congress who support the Chamber’s position on at least 70% of those votes receive the award.

According to the scorecard, Representative Teague maintained a 73% rating with the Chamber this year and collectively holds a 73% ranking during his tenure in Congress.

The Chamber scored Congress on 7 Senate and 15 House votes in 2009, including the economic stimulus package, legislation to promote the U.S. as a travel destination abroad, and both the House and Senate healthcare reform bills.

To view a complete list of the 2009 Spirit of Enterprise recipients, please visit www.uschamber.com/soe

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